



Fire Chief



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J.P. Steelman began his career with the City of Longview Fire Department in October 27, 1990 with 5 years of previous experience in the fire service. Hired as a Firefighter with a strong ambition to advance, he earned his promotion to Fire Driver/Engineer in September of 1998. In January of 2000, J.P. promoted to the Training Division as a Training/Safety Officer. Promoting once again, to Captain in August 2003, he transferred out of

the Training Division back to fire suppression as a Company Officer. He attained his promotion to Senior Captain in January 2006, and his promotion to Battalion Chief in January 2007. During the period of May 2007 thru October 2007, Chief Steelman served as the Interim Assistant Chief. Chief Steelman was appointed and fulfilled the role of Interim Fire Chief from February 15, 2010 thru October 14, 2010; at which time the City Manager's recommendation that he become the permanent Fire Chief was approved by City Council.

Throughout his career with LFD, Chief Steelman has always maintained a strong will to



illustrate his desire to be actively involved in all aspects of the Fire Service. For example, some of the specialized teams he has upheld membership include; the Water Rescue/Dive Team, a charter member of the Honor Guard, Hazmat/Special Operations, Recruiting Team, Hiring Board, and various other committees. He has aggressively shared his continued knowledge of the fire service by educating students of Kilgore Fire Academy in an assortment of different courses.

In addition to his wide array of affiliations, Chief Steelman has also assertively pursued his aspirations of earning a higher education. He commenced his educational journey in 1990 and has since achieved an Associates of Applied Science Degree in Fire Protection Technology, Master Firefighter Certification with the Texas Commission of Fire Protection, and Licensed Paramedic. Other certifications achieved by the Texas Commission of Fire Protection include Level III Master Instructor, Certified Department Head, Fire Officer II, Hazmat Technician, and Basic Fire Inspector. Furthermore, he is currently serving as a member of the Firefighter Advisory Committee for the Texas Commission on Fire Protection. Chief Steelman has completed numerous certifications with the National Fire Academy, and is currently enrolled in their Executive Fire Officer Program which he has scheduled to complete in 2011. At that time he plans to acquire a Bachelors Degree in Emergency Management.

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